IN THE CHURCHES.

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mis or less so when
THE CREDITOR IS THE LORD,
I Lavite, which represents him.
God keeps an exchange account with every
lever according to this principle: "He that
seth sparingly shall respalso sparingly, and he
is soweld bountifully shall reap also bountily. He gives the spiritual things for our earnal
so. Resulting paws and paying for them is not as,
it is considered to the state of the state of the state of the state.

In for it. It does not test an allegiance to the
ster. Building church edifices and planting
ristan institutions in heathen lands or the destep portions of our own lands, the education of
ing men for the influstry—these are causes from
lich we expect no material return. Here our
ristan character is tested.

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ristan character is tosted.

In the our glory, may become our shaine. In the
man Catholic Church furgiveness of ain is dedexcept upon the payment of church dues,
solute is the receipt given for money received,
thus the amount given is left wholly to the
ver, as in the sight of God, who promises
are the sight of God, who promises
laspects of His Kingdom: He had but where
lay His head, was indebted to the hospitality of
sets for His cradio, signt after death in a borweed tomb, and yet He sits against the treasury,
value the among which we put there. He is the
scale of a spiritual religion; and yet, because
a content of the state of the checked or encouraged by
use of money. He watches that portion of our
betance we devote to Mim. There is no temptament of the processor time greater that that of so
nothing money and over yellowitten
in the man and the processor of the present time greater that that of so
nothing money as to cheate ourselves out of God's
increase.

The First Presbyterian.

The First Presbyterian Church was well atended yesterday morning. Dr. Sunderland elected as his text Haggai II, 7—"And I will shake II nations, and the dearer of all nations shall ome; and I will fill this house with glory, saith

come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith
the Lord of Hoats."

He opened his discourse by stating that it was at
the close of the Babyloniah captivity, this prophet
was urging reasons why the lemple was refugil at
Jerusalem. It was the granteur of the divinit purpose, the glorid proceeded to quote from Socrates,
Plato, and Virgit, to show that none of them
claimed to be more ions mere teachers, and that
they positively pointed to the that was to come
where is the name in all history that bears any
comparison with His name? It is not among the
captains and leaders, the statemen and oration.

To reaster? He was not, and did not claim to be,
for his people any more than Moses was or claimed
to be for the Jews. Conductur He was not, and
did not claim to be, a teacher or religiot, and his
docrines are to this day ontitued to a comparatively
small portoly heard the sage telling us that another
teacher must come to remove the mist. Mohomet'
He aprung up in the funces of his time to fulfill the
prediction which the Bible lited records concerning
the greatness of the posterity of islymacily but as he
too't the sword, he is now perishing by the sword.
But what shall we say of lastic of Namerik Have
they created him yet failing the words of Carlete
concerning the stones of the temple, at last perished in builte on the Stripp plain, and as he was

children will be held.

Georgetown Churches.

At Trinity (Catholic) Church the usual services were held. Rev. Father Murphy sang the late mass, and presched from the goppel of the day. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight his jaths." In the aftermoon vespers were sum by the Rev. Pather Casey.

At the West-treed Trasbyterian Church yesterday the Rev. Dr. Chester, of the Metropedian Prebyterian Church of Washington, presented as allowed the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." Yesterday being the fourth stunday in Adrent, the sentince at St. John's (Rpiacopal) Church continued to have reference to the coming of Christ. The rector officialed, and in the sorning preached from the text. Rev. claims 181, 20, and in the after noon from 88. John 1, 22.

Catholie Notes.

On Saturday, twenty-three young ladies were admitted into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the new and beautiful chapet of the Visitation Academy, on Connecticut avenue. About eight o'clock in the morning, Rev. Charles K. Jonkins, S. J., spiritual director of the community, oftered the holy secrifice of the mass for the candidates, during which they communicated. Father lancaster lawling difficult at an earlier mass for the satery. Mass examined a sarrier mass for the sixtery. Mass examined of the reception, which was closed with the benediction of the blessed sacrament, during which Wallace's "Ave Maria" was excellently rendered by the Masse Cues, pupils of the institution.

Mr. John H. Semmes, a well-known citizen of the District, has purchased two paintings each of the Sacred Hast and Immediate Conception, cent here from Savannah for disposal for chartable Father Stephen Kelly, from Leyola College, Bal-

Sacred Heart and Inormaculate Conception, sent hears from Bavaunah for disposal for charitable objects.

Father Stephen Kelly, from Loyola College, Baltimore, is at Gonzaga College for the benefit of he health, and officiales as an asistant at St. Aloyalos' Church.

Father Schleuter, assistant pastor of -St. Joseph's German Church, Capitol Hill, returned on Friday last from Froderick, Md. where he has been making a retrest.

Rev C. J. White, D. D., pastor of St. Maithew's continues quite ill, with no snooturaging signs of improvement. improvement.
Fisher, the artist, in Vernon Row, has just completed a beautiful painting of sister Terms's grave, in Mount Olivet and its surroundings.

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Novel Way to Serve a Writ.

An Irish gentleman, whose solicitor had vainly endeavored to serve a writ on an ex. M. P. for an Irish bornugh, hit upon the following plan: Having sealed a stone bottle with an imposing crest and marked it "poteen," he forwarded it by an intelligent lad of thirteen, who was previously well instructed, as a present from a friend in the West End, with instructions to be delivered to himself. The built took.

"There is a note, I believe, in the wrapper, the built frequires an answer, and perhaps it would require an answer, and perhaps it would require an answer, and took out an envelope. There's a writ in that, sir," cried the youngster; "you're served," and bounded out of sight in an instant.

The ex.M. P. looked as if he was petrified.

O. Long, is the name of a resident of Oak-Brywersy passion and lying there is not a-inger's breadth.

A Thomas wild-cat ventured into a Maine own last week and was killed.

THE town of Salina Kanasa, with less than 2500 inhabitants, has even churches.
The expense of the riots to Pennsylvanis for the military reaches half a million dollars.

SIX HUNDERD men are employed in repairing the breaks in the Chesapeaks and Obio Canal.
THERE are yet \$500,000 to be raised to save the Old South Church in Boaton. Send for Kimbard

Dogs death end all " saks Rev. J seph Cook. Fell, it wouldn't appear that it does, judging from se Vanderblit will case.

To PROMOTE total abstinence—appoint none to office who drink spirits, and turn out all the incumbents who includes in them.

It is just coming to light that some of the tax-collectors in schuylkill county, Promsylvania, who are beavily in arrears gave forged bonds.

The City of Peking, on her last voyage, brought 100 packages of allx-worm eggs frout apan to San Francisco, comisques to a drun in Italy.

Ex-Confederate officers are preferred to Union sodilers in the District of Columbia. It is a gross outrage.—Exchange.

The New York State Dairymen's Associa-

most-tarantulizing.

This Howe Sewing Machine Company shipped in one week, from their factory at Bridgeport, Connecticut, take hundred of their family machines to Idma, Feru.

An Avenue 'young lady has compiled a list of her gentlemen acquisintaness, and entered their names in a hondsome parior ablum. She playfully calls it her "him book."

This is the assessor where

which he died. How comes this error?

JOHN MARTIK, a Dallas, Texas, negro, recently unearthed an iron-bound Spanials chest in the Trinity river bottom, containing a large number of Castillian coins of the years 12% and 17%.

A SAN FRANCISCO man has just invented a boot-making mechics. He warrants that any bool it turns cut will kill an ordinary man with one square kick, and the most hardened book-sgont with twenty.

with.

The banking firm of Bartlett & Smith, of Columbus, are trying to recover, by sult, from four gamblers of that city, 86,500 that the employees of the former lost by gambling with the latter. If cost against earls, the drm should recover; but if

matter for serious consideration.

PROMABLY most of the girls have felt so, but few have been able to describe their emotions as locidly and graphically as this one: "She frankly declared that the first time his sleave enterfolds for waist she felt like a pavilion built of rathbows, the window-sills of which were composed of Zollan.

window-sills of which were composed of Acolian harps."

If the purchasing power of gold has been increased by declaring it the unit of value, and that uf-aliver has been docreased by its ceasing to be the unit of value, so that the difference is now wider than formerly, would anybody be the loser in equity by a restoration of inte former status of each, as we are shout to return to specie standard again? A LITTIX fellow five or six years old, who had been wearing undershirs much too small for him, was one day, after having been washed, put into a germent as much too large as the other fial been too small. Our six year old shrugged his shoulders, shook himself, walked around, and finally burst out with, "Ma, I do reel awful lone-some in this shirf!"

Ir was at a charity ball; the girl was pretty

some in this shirt?

Ir was at a charity ball; the girl was pretty and exquisitely dressed. She said: Now. Mr. who had not you put my mane in the paper, much grey had not you put my mane in the paper, much grey had not had on the said on the said on the said of the paper, but if you do, said me six."

paper, but if you do, send me six."

Dr. Sorkint, an Halian, has made a caronal mody of the annual mortality of different remains with the following result: Prusaia, 1872, 64 per cent.; England, 1871, 84 per cent.; France, 1872-4, 87 per cent.; Edgland, 1871-7, 110 per cent.; Russia, 1871-7, 11.7 per cent.; Austria, 1870-72, 183 per cent.; Allay, 1870-76, 11.6 per cent. The mortality in the British army was largely reduced by the efforts of lord (sidney) Hethert when Sectionary of War, to whom was due the sanitary improvements in Barracks.

inents in barracks.

A FRENCH correspondent mys of the Champagne vintage; "The Champagne vintage is now completed, and the result will nother add to our contentment nor our reputation. The unusual variations of weather, alternately fine and rainy during a great part of the summer, followed by an astromaly cold temperature immediately preceding the gathering, prevented the fruit from figuring takening the gathering, prevented the fruit from figuring the gathering, prevented the fruit from figuring the pathering free with others more or less green, while some were completely rotten. A rising stable to such conditions can yield only wines, in not absolutely bad, at least of a very medicore quality."

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

DOINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE DRANCHES.

ation Gathered at the Capitol, in the

diuminest, in that instance, he would have been diuminest, in that instance, he would have been therefore, must have been based on military service rendered until resigned.

An examination of the files of the Treasury Bepartment sto may develop on what reason final payment was made to him.

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Calme of other shot, hence hesitates to reject the claims of others and homely having the contract of the stance of the files of the files. It is not the same of the proportion to vacancies, during which period they acted as commissioned officers, often in command of companies and in more responsible positions, yet being allowed pay only from the date of made of the same which on the part of the War Department received this unjust treatment and they are principally of more who reidered faithful and moritorious service, who danced attendance at the front in the field, and who were never seen at rebel rejoictings over returned unions.

Naval Odrers.

Commander Gilbert C. Wiltse was ordered of duty as equipment officer at the navy-yard few York, January 1. Lieusenant-Commande

The Departments During the Holidays.
It is not likely that anything beyond the meret of routine business will be accomplished in the different Department to-day. In fact for two or three days a sort of indiaumner stagnation has been the general condition of afflirs in the executive business will be days a sort of the sort will be all that will be days as the cannot be apply during the Christmax-lide. Those who cannot be happy are expected to be ag happy as they can.

who cannot be nappy as a series cannot be nappy as a step can.

There is some talk in the public Departments and elsewhere of various changes to be made after the first of the year, but careful inquiry does not seem to produce any information that you that any francisc those in authority been determined by the produce any information that the produce authority been determined by the produce the produce of Colorado, shall be nominated by the President as Copaul-General to Paris.

Dangerous Counterfells.

The Comptroller of the Currency will issue no more notes of the denomination of 85 to the First National Bank of Hanover, Pa., nor to the First National Bank at Tamaqiua, Pa., dangerous counterfeits of said notes having recently been put in circula tion. All persons should refuse the 85 of those banks, and the holders should forward uninotes to the red emption agency at the Treasury Department.

A Gale in the Gulf.

NEW ORLEASS, Dec. 23.—The ship War

Spi rit, from Greenock, reports having on the 19th
oncountered agale. On the 21st, when about one
hundred uniles from the Fasses, she had her bulwarks stove in and lost two bosts and he fore and
main masts. Felt in with ship oliver is, Southard,
which towed the war spirit to the Fasses. She is
now being towed to the city.

Tennessoe's State Debt. NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 22.—The Senate to ay passed the bill compromising the State debt day passed the bill compromising the State debt at fifty cents on the dollar, and graded the interest at four, five, and six per cent, by a vote of 12 to 13, and ordered its transmission to the House

Her Value to the United States Commerce.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1877.
Ms. EDITOR: Mexico is to-day an object of interest to the United States, as well from the dangers of war which are lurking on the banks of the Rio Grande as from the peculiar relations between the two Governments, arising out of the somewhat anomalous condition of both, with reference each to its own citizens. However much our Government may be impelled by the force of these circumstances toward a war with Mexico, the rulling motive of which was so clearly defined in the

The Sea of Ice—National Theatre.

The attractions of Christmas week will be naterially increased by the performance at the stional of the famous spectaminar play known as The Sea of locy or, A Mother's Prayer."

We are assured by the management that no florts have been lacking and no expense withheld hat would secure the most acceptable performance, nd, consequently, a successful run of this attractive play. Entirely new securer, curious mechanics play, Entirely new securer, curious mechanics and appointments, characteristic music, written excessify for this play), thorough preparations, by a nost efficient stage management, from the plans and models employed in the original production it he Lendon theatres, together with an emblemitic tablessu of The Rock of Ages," and a magnificant control of the prominent control or nader this most satisfactory performance.

Pursuit of Raiders into Mexico

The Metropolitan Sunday-School Temper ance Movement.
The organisation of the Metropolitan Church

Injured by Being Thrown from a Buggy, Injured by Beling Throwns from a Buggy, About four o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse attached to a boggy, driven by a young man named Schofield and another, whose name is not known, ran away near the corner of Twenty-fourth and I streets northwest, throwing both of them out. Schofield was ball; out about the head and the other alightly bruked. Schofield was taken to the house of a Br. Graham, near by where taken to the house of a Br. Graham, near by where nounced his injuries not dangerous.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY DINNER. peeches of the President and Se-

celebrate." But said he did so with more pleasure as the Chief Magistrate was present.

HON. WILLIAM M. EVARTS REPONDED

with appropriate remarks in regard to its being so often celebrated. He spoke of the characteristics of New Englandses and their descendants, and said they always looked to the duties of the present, and would continue to do so. Let them fore to celebrated the said of New Englandses and their descendants, and said they always looked to the duties of the present, and respect to Justice, so that in preserving the peace that day as the greatest in history. The nation finds every other ready to confess its power and respect to Justice, so that in preserving the peace part that ever nation had. All our energies, duties, and dangers are within our own borders. Letthern at once accept it; that they would be faithless and recream to their loberisance if they did not accept, that New England will respect they did not accept, that New England will respect to arms again, but will not reserve the said of the said of

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—For six months past issue of counterfeit bonds of quincy, Ili., and St. Louis, Mo. Those efforts culminated iast night in the arrest of three prominent Wall street men, charged with being the negotiators of counterfait bonds to a large extent, estimated at more than \$200,000. Their names were Portlinand Hartog, which was the street of the street of the largest the largest most powerful, and best organized gang of bond counterfeiters ever uncerthed in this country, and that their operations have extended throughout all the principal clies of the Union. Who the actual manufacturers of the bonds are it is believed is well known, and their arrest is only a question of time.

THE CANDY PACTORY EXPLOSION.

Remains of the Engineer Discovered.

New York, Dec. 22.—The work of removing the debrie of the Barclay street fire was continued all day, and in the afternoon the body of Philip Hersberger, engineer, of Greenfield & Oo.'s, was found, bot so charted and blackment as to be almost beyond recognition. His arms as far as his elbows were entirely burned off, and his legs were doubled up, and the duidhing was torn from his body. Work was continued during the night, but up to midnight no other bodies were found.

d). Work was a proper was a pro The Cost of the Pittsburg Riots.

PHILADRIPHIA, Do. 22.—A special dispatch from Pittsburg says the Court of Common Pleas to the grantest the petition for a change of years in the suits brought against the county for damage for properly destroyed during the riots of July last. The cases are to be transferred to Beaver County for trial. The petition sets forth that local preintice against the polarities of July last. The petition sets forth that local preintice against the polarities of the Erresident and party remained in the Fifth Avenus, the results of the steam of the

THE EASTERN WAR.

L TERRIBLE SNOW-STORM IN THE

The War Spirit Strong in Constantinople— E zeroum and Sophia Threstened—Russian Report of Losses—Diplomatic Peace Cor-

St. PETERSHURG, Dec. 23,—The total Rus-ian loss by the war up to December 20 is 80,612

Derty's reply to the Porte's note.

GHRAT DISTRESS PREVAILS

among the poor of Coustantinople. The prices of provisions are rising in consequence of the depreciation of the currency. Diffusities are feared if the price of bread rises higher.

A TERRIBLE SNOW-STOM.

LOYDON, Dec. 24.—The Fuser correspondent at Bucharrest telegraphs that the snow-storm, which commenced on the lith, in Bulgaris and Buchania, has been unusually severe. It is feared that hundreds of Torkish prisoners and Russian troops caught on the march have persished. Of a corroy farty horses and twenty-nine mon were frozen a death.

THE WAR PARTY STRONGER.

PRACE CORRESPONDENCE.

ERPURLICAN SUCCESS IN THE RECENT KLEC-TIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Paris dispatch te the Trees says the proceedings in the Councils-lenceral confirm the belief that the recent elec-

been benished exhoence carried fifty of them to Rio Hachs, new orhoner carried fifty of them to Rio Hachs, new Oranals.

Letters from Hayti to the lith state that on Deletters from Hayti to the lith state that on Deletters of the Hayting to the low price of coffee, viz.—It per quintal—transctions with Europe were limited.

The Spanish war stoamer Sanches Barcals Tegril articles at Jurish. Prince on the 9d from Cuba with the object of affording protection to one Santhol, a Cuban who had been condemned to death by the Haytian conversment on charges of incendiarism.

The United States commit general, Bassett, left December 2 for New York.

Semi-Centennial Pastoral Celebratic Semi-Centennial Pastoral Celebration.
Bosrov, Dec. 23.—At the Church of the
Most Holy Redeener, East Boston, a celebration
was had this afternoon, the occasion being the
completion of fifty years ministry of Rev. Father
James Fitton, who was born, educated, and entered
the ministry in Boston, having been ordained by
the first Catholic bishop in America. His territory
at that time artended over the whole of New England. Solemn mass was said by Bishop Healey, of
Fortland, this afternoon. A large congregation were
in attendance. Among the gifts presented Father
Fitton to-day were a set of vestments valued at
8000, service of gold, and \$2,000 in money.

Stanley, the Explorer. explorer, telegraphs that he arrived at Aden on Sunday. His followers were paid off and dis-charged at Zanzibar.

President Grant at Palers PALERMO, SICILY, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Grant has arrived here on the United States steamer Vandalis.

New York, Dec. 22.—Nell Muller, a laborer employed on the Brooklyn bridge, was Instantly killed this afternoon, by the falling of the second floor of one of the arches, which are being built under the readway, and which are to be led built as store-

orable.
Lowdon, Dec. 23.—A dipatch to the Standard from
Lowdon, Dec. 23.—A dipatch to the Standard from
Constantinopic, via. Syria, says it is rumored that
on Thursday the Sulfan ordered Editem Pasha,
the Grand Vizier, to take steps to procure peace.

FRANCE.